GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3110
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EXCISE DUTY ON SUGAR
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to waive excise duty on sugar and molasses or to defer the payment of excise duty for three years; and

(b) If so, the steps taken or to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra requested the Union Government to waive excise duty on sugar and molasses on account of a downward trend in their prices and in case waiver is not possible, to defer payment of excise duty for three years.

(b) The Union Government has considered the request and has decided to give bank loans under special guidelines to the sugar mills in private, public and cooperative sector which will also involve interest subvention.